UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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JOINT MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM CERTAIN DATES PENDING COURT'S RESETTING TRIAL DATE

On September 22, 2022, the Court entered an order directing the parties to submit, by October 6, an agreed date for trial, after the Court vacated the previously-set trial date of October 24, 2022 (the "Court's Order"). (Dkt. 217.) In conformance with the Court's Order, the Parties are meeting and conferring in an effort to provide a definitive trial date proposal(s) to the Court by October 6. In the interim, the Parties respectfully request that the Court provide the Parties with temporary relief from certain pre-set dates pending the Court's resetting the Trial Date. In further support thereof, the Parties state the following:

1. On April 21, 2022, the Parties filed a Joint Motion to Amend Pretrial Schedule and Set Trial Dates, in which they proposed a trial date and pretrial

schedule tied to the trial date. (Dkt. 137.) On May 2, 2022, the Court adopted the Parties' proposed schedule, setting an October 24, 2022 trial date and corresponding pretrial schedule. (Dkt. 143.) In particular, the Court set the following dates:

Pretrial Order Scheduling		
Parties exchange proposed witness and	July 22, 2022 (approx. 95 days before	
exhibit lists, as well as deposition	trial)	
designations		
Parties exchange objections to witness	Aug. 5, 2022 (approx. 80 days before	
and exhibit lists, and objections to	trial)	
deposition designations		
Parties exchange counter-designations	Aug. 5, 2022 (approx. 80 days before	
	trial)	
Parties exchange objections to counter-	Aug. 16, 2022 (approx. 70 days before	
designations	trial)	
Parties exchange drafts of pretrial	Sep. 14, 2022 (approx. 40 days before	
order	trial)	
Parties exchange proposed jury	Sep. 14, 2022 (approx. 40 days before	
instructions, verdict form, and proposed	trial)	
statement of the case		
Parties file pretrial order and proposed	Sep. 28, 2022 (approx. 25 days before	
jury instructions	trial)	
Motions in Limine Scheduling		
Plaintiffs file Santiago proffer; Parties	Aug. 26, 2022 (approx. 60 days before	
file motions in limine	trial)	
Parties file responses to Santiago	Sep. 16, 2022 (approx. 40 days before	
proffer and motions in limine	trial)	
Oral argument on pretrial order	Sep. 29, 2022 (25 days before trial)	

Many of these deadlines have passed, and the Parties have exchanged and filed the required documents accordingly, but the deadline for the Parties to file the pretrial order and proposed jury instructions on September 28, 2022 remains.

2. In addition, on August 25, 2022, the Court entered a schedule for Defendants' Motion to Bifurcate, which included a reply brief due on September 29, 2022. (Dkt. 154.)

- 3. On September 20, 2022, the Court rescheduled the oral argument on the pretrial order and motions *in limine* from September 29, 2022, to October 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. (Dkt. 212.)
- 4. On September 20, 2022, the Court also scheduled a status hearing on October 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to reset the jury trial. (Dkt. 213.)
- 5. On September 21, 2022, the Parties filed a Joint Motion to Advance Hearing and Reset Trial Date. (Dkt. 216.). The Court's Order denied this joint motion and instead directed the Parties to submit an agreed date for trial by October 6, 2022. (Dkt. 217.)
- 6. In light of the Court's Order, the Parties are in the process of conferring about potential trial dates in 2023.¹
- 7. Pending the Court's entry of a new trial date, the Parties seek temporary relief from the aforementioned deadlines. In the interest of conserving the Parties' and the Court's resources, the Parties agree that it would be more efficient to reset the currently-pending pretrial deadlines to correspond to the to-bedetermined new trial date.
- 8. When the Parties propose trial dates on October 6, similar to the process successfully employed previously in this matter, they will also propose a

¹ Given the Court's resetting the October 24th trial date, the anticipated 5-week trial, the parties' understanding of the lead time necessary to reserve certain courtrooms for trials in the Covid-era, the impending holidays in November and December, and the availability of counsel and witnesses, the parties do not believe that a 2022 trial date will be feasible and anticipate proposing 2023 trial dates for the Court's consideration.

pretrial schedule with new dates that are tied to the proposed trial date for the Court's consideration.

In light of the foregoing, the Parties respectfully request that the Court hold in abeyance all deadlines—including the September 28, 2022 deadline for the submission of the Pretrial Order, the September 29, 2022 deadline for Defendants' reply in support of their Motion to Bifurcate, the October 6, 2022 telephonic oral argument on Pretrial Order, and the October 24, 2022 status hearing —until after the Parties have submitted a new proposed trial date and pretrial order and the Court has reset the trial date and pretrial schedule.

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